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October 2025 Newsletter



A History of the
White House



Mathematics and
Quantum Physics



Pilates Chair

Greetings from FLI!

We're off to a wonderful start this fall semester, and we are so grateful to our instructors and students for all you contribute to making our community thrive.

A special thank-you as well for your patience during the recent parking lot resurfacing—we appreciate your flexibility and support.

We are excited to announce a new partnership with Signal Travel, bringing additional local travel opportunities beginning in 2026! Even better, our very first travel experience is available now, with registration required by October 15. We are thrilled about this opportunity and the exciting possibilities ahead for Forever Travel.

This month's newsletter is full of important updates and opportunities. Thank you for taking the time to read it carefully, and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Warm regards,

George, Toni, and the Board at Forever Learning Institute

Forever Announcements

Check out [FLI on HomeTown Living 9/23/25!](#)

Photos at FLI

You may have noticed a friendly face with a camera in your classroom recently! Joe Waters has generously volunteered his time and talent to capture the wonderful moments happening here at the Forever Learning Institute.

As a reminder, all students sign a photo waiver during registration through CourseStorm. However, if you prefer not to be photographed, just let us and Joe know—we'll be sure to respect your wishes.

Closings/Cancellations

 Wondering if the Forever Learning Institute will be closed due to inclement weather? Tune in to WNDU or WSBT for updates!

 Be sure to also check your email regularly, as all cancellation and closing announcements will be sent directly to you.

Missing Email?

Haven't received an email from your instructor or from FLI?

Be sure to check your junk or spam folders. Occasionally, our emails may be mistakenly filtered there by your email provider. To ensure you don't miss important updates, consider adding FLI to your safe sender list.

How Has Forever Learning Institute Changed Your Life?

You mean the world to us, and your stories are a powerful way to share the impact of our mission with others! We'd love to hear how the Forever Learning Institute has made a difference in your life. Whether through a written note, video, photo, or any format that best expresses your experience, your story matters.

Please send your submission to george@foreverlearninginstitute.org or feel free to drop it off at our office. We can't wait to hear from you!

Forever Travel

Beatles vs. Stones – A Musical Showdown at Morris Performing Arts Center

Join FLI for premium seating
Thursday, October 16th 7:00 PM

[Register Here](#)



NEW



3 Day Fun in Frankenmuth, Michigan November 5-7, 2026

- Tour the 165 year old Honolulu House – Marshall, MI
- Two Nights at the charming Bavarian Inn Lodge – Frankenmuth

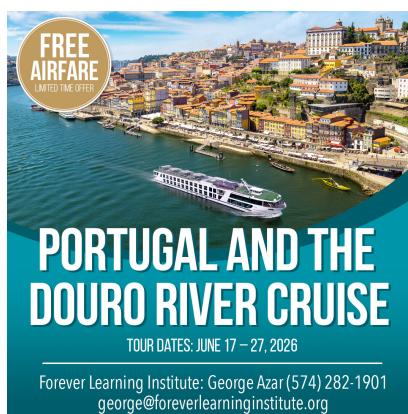
- Delicious German Schnitzel Dinner with Live Entertainment
- Visit the Marshall M. Fredricks Sculpture Museum – Saginaw
- Enjoy Shopping in Downtown Frankenmuth
- Visit Bronner's Christmas Wonderland
- Tour and Tasting at The Coffee Beanery, a 45,000 sq ft family owned roastery in Flushing, MI

Find more information and register [here](#) by **Wednesday, October 15!**

Exploring Ceramics and PrintMaking with the South Bend Museum of Art November 2025

Forever Learning is excited to announce a partnership with the South Bend Museum of Art to offer 2 new experiences in ceramics and printmaking hosted by their expert educational staff. You may take either experience, or both with a discount.

Learn more about this opportunity [here!](#)

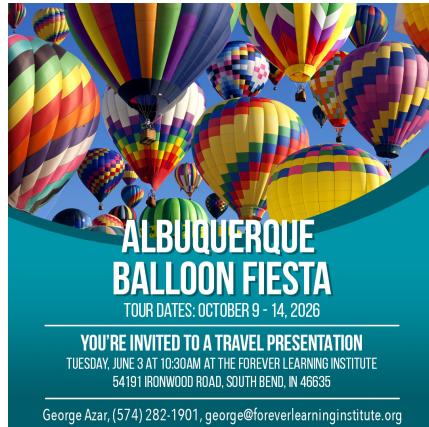


SOLD OUT!
Portugal and the Douro River Cruise
June 17-27, 2026!

ADDING ADDITIONAL CRUISE
Portugal and the Douro River Cruise
July 8-18, 2026!

A symbol of Portugal's birth and growth as a nation, the Douro has long been the country's lifeline. Spend two nights in the cosmopolitan capital of Lisbon, Portugal with a tour showcasing the famous sights of this remarkable city. Enroute to Porto, visit the pilgrimage site of Fátima and the university town of Coimbra. Navigate a path through Portugal's enchanting countryside while cruising along the dramatic Douro River. Terraced vineyards rise from the river banks, historic landmarks pepper the distant horizons and charming towns lay hidden in the rural hillsides. From Spain's walled city of Salamanca to the charming baroque village of Lamego, enjoy a new perspective of Europe as you sail the along the Douro.

Register [here!](#)



Only 10 seats left!

Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta
Join FLI for a high flying trip
October 9th–14th, 2026

Founded in 1972, the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta began with just 13 balloons and has since grown into a spectacular event featuring over 600 balloons from around the globe. Immerse yourself in the charm of historic Albuquerque, a city steeped in Native American culture, as you witness the breathtaking "mass ascension" of uniquely shaped balloons soaring into the sky at sunrise. Explore the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, stroll through the captivating streets of Old Town, and discover the beauty of Santa Fe, nestled in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains at the foothills of the Rockies. The tour also includes a visit to the Pecos National Historic Park, home to ancient archaeological ruins and 19th-century ranches, offering a rich blend of history and adventure.

[**Flyer**](#)
[**Registration Form**](#)

Forever Learning

Two New Classes for Fall 2025

Mr. Churchill in the White House: A Book Discussion

Schedule: Thursdays, 10:30–11:45 AM

Instructor: Patrick Murphy

Location: Little Flower, Room 2&3

This five-week course, beginning October 16, explores Robert Schmuhl's recent book, Mr. Churchill in the White House: The Untold Story of a Prime Minister and Two Presidents. Schmuhl, an Emeritus Professor at Notre Dame, examines Winston Churchill's unique relationship with Franklin Roosevelt and Harry Truman during World War II and its impact on history.

Participants will read approximately 60 pages per week, with guiding questions for discussion provided in advance of each session. The course will conclude with a special opportunity to meet and engage with Professor Schmuhl, who is scheduled to attend the final class.

Register [here!](#)

Medicare Education Presentation

Oak Street Health

Making the most of your Medicare plan is important—and we're here to help! Join us for an informative session where we'll walk through the ins and outs of Medicare and help you better understand your options.



Coffee and donuts will be served.



Wednesday, October 29



10:00 AM

Payne Hall

Register [here!](#)

Classes still available for registration:

South Bend Watch Company

[https://fli.coursestorm.com/course/south-bend-watch-company?
sort=alphabetical](https://fli.coursestorm.com/course/south-bend-watch-company?sort=alphabetical)

Brief History of Particle Physics

[https://fli.coursestorm.com/course/a-brief-history-of-particle-physics?
sort=alphabetical](https://fli.coursestorm.com/course/a-brief-history-of-particle-physics?sort=alphabetical)

Wealth Management Insights

[https://fli.coursestorm.com/course/wealth-management-insights?
sort=alphabetical&page=2](https://fli.coursestorm.com/course/wealth-management-insights?sort=alphabetical&page=2)

Teach Your Passion!

Submit your interest [here!](#)

Forever Upcoming Dates

- Wednesday, October 15 — [Registration](#) due for Fun in Frankenmuth, MI
- Thursday, October 16: Beatles Vs. Stones at the Morris Performing Arts Center. [Register Here](#)
- November 5-7 — Forever Travel Fun in Frankenmuth, MI
- Thursday, November 6 — Exploring Ceramics and PrintMaking with the South Bend Museum of Art 3:30 PM – 5 PM. [Register Here](#)
- Monday, November 24 — Fall End of Semester Festival
- Monday, December 1 — Winter Semester Registration Opens 9 AM
- Monday, January 5 — Winter Semester Begins
- Friday, February 13 — Winter Semester Ends
- Friday, February 20 — Forever Trivia Night



If FLI has made an impact in your life, consider leaving a positive review for Forever Learning Institute on Google with the link below.

[Leave Forever Learning a Review](#)

Forever Learning Institute Merchandise

Welcome to the online store. To get started, just select the appropriate sizes and quantities for the items below.

NEXT LEVEL APPAREL UNISEX DRY FIT NL6210	SPIRIT-TEK POOSHARGE COMPETITOR 1/4 ZIP	OGIO MOTION 1/4-ZIP OG153	THE PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR SENIORS STICKER SMALL SQUARE (3 X 3)

FLI Spirit Wear

Forever Learning Institute hosts an online store where you can purchase t-shirts and jackets with our logo. Show all your friends your love of lifelong learning!

[Forever Store](#)



Our Founder, Fr. Louis J. Putz, C.S.C.

Fr. Putz viewed life as a chain with three distinct links: the age of learning, the age of earning, and the age of returning. As he approached retirement in the early '70s, he envisioned a school for the "third-agers," where students returned to share their collective experience, knowledge, and talent in service to others. As Fr. Putz often said, "*Service adds years to your life and life to your years.*" He envisioned a school for seniors who would come together for the pure joy of learning and social interaction, as well as personal and spiritual growth. On September 27, 1974, that vision became a reality.

Improving the quality and dignity of senior adult life through continuing intellectual challenge, spiritual reflection, and social interaction for 50 years.

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